

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ARLANDO HENDERSON,

Defendant.

DOCKET NO. 3:19-CR-00345

DOCUMENTS FOR SENTENCING

Mr. Arlando Henderson, by and through his counsel of record, Assistant Federal Public Defender Taylor Goodnight, hereby submits documentary evidence in mitigation of any sentence this Court might impose at the sentencing hearing scheduled for July 20, 2020. These documents include letters of support and military awards, and they are relevant to the Court's inquiry into "the history and characteristics of the defendant" pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(1).

Respectfully submitted:

s/ Taylor Goodnight

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Western District of North Carolina

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DATE: July 17, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Mercedes Wilson; I am Mr. Henderson's sister. Arlando has always been a very family-oriented person. He is number three out of seven children but always seemed to be the oldest as long as I can remember. When our mother would work late nights Arlando would be the main provider for the rest of his younger siblings. Cooking, cleaning, and surprisingly our nurturer. My honest opinion of Mr. Henderson is that he wants what's best for his family and children. He's the driving force of our intermediate family and the family that he created of his own.

He's always so fast to give and slow to take. A very independent man. Always bringing peace to a toxic situation or atmosphere. Arlando has helped my mom get her business up and running and many other family and friends as well. Without expecting anything in return. Has worked numerous days and nights to help me with personal issues. By being my mental and physical support. When our older sister was involved in a critical accident leaving her paralyzed Arlando took leave from his military duties to get everything situated. Our mother was very stressed at the time.

He took charge and ran the show like a true and honest man would. Arlando was raised in a COGIC church from the time of birth. As he got older his religious preferences changed. He is now Muslim and feels so strongly about his religion. He abides by the Muslim way of living and has many of his family following his footsteps. If Arlando is convicted and sent to jail this had the biggest impact on his family and not in a good way. He is the main provider for his three children. He is the backbone of his entire family. He's a full time and outstanding father, brother, uncle, and husband.

If Arlando is sentenced to go away everyone around him life will have a major change and I'm afraid to say not in a positive way. Arlando has told me time and time again of how remorseful he is. Literally from day one, he was ashamed. He was so disappointed and very depressed about his decision. I've personally never seen Mr. Henderson so apologetic. Arlando is a very soft spirited and very loving person. I think mercy should be shown because of his remorse for his situation.

He knows he has done wrong and if he could take it all back he would. I honestly believe as the main provider of your entire family could be a lot of pressure. Some Decisions are made out of emotion and not clear thinking. I honestly feel Mr. Henderson deserves a second chance. He's always so forgiving. I believe he has learned from this and is already better himself. He is very much humble.

Respectfully,
Thanks.

Sincerely,

Mercedes Wilson

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Dr. Cheryl Henderson and I live in St John Missouri. I have known Mr. Henderson his entire life is that I'm his paternal grandmother. Arlando was always a quiet child and good-natured, he obeyed all of the home rules got along with all his siblings. Arlando has never any altercations at school or suspension, I can't recall any incidents concerning him in his formative years or his adult life.

Mr. Henderson joined the armed forces and served his slotted time and as stated earlier he was/is a good member of our family, a wonderful father, a great friend, and brother to his siblings. Mr. Henderson was raised in the nurture and admonition of who the Creator is and his relationship to Him. I firmly believe that there should be a reckoning for all civil disobedience but I also believe that Mr. Henderson and his family would-be deeply affected if he were to incur any amount of incarceration.

Mr. Henderson has sole care of his son who would be devastated if his father were to be locked away. In my humble opinion, Mr. Henderson has always exercised good and productive judgment over criminal judgment the skills that Mr. Henderson obtained from military training and higher education will be a benefit to the community in which he lives.

In all honesty, I cannot speak to any mitigating circumstances which may have led to the actions he is now being charged with, however, Mr. Henderson has shown and expressed regret regarding his actions, therefore I plead with this court to show leniency toward Mr. Henderson and consider him for probation, that I believe that would be a better choice for Mr. Henderson and his son. I thank the court for taking the time to peruse this letter and to take my opinion into careful thought.

Respectfully,

Thanks.

Sincerely
Dr. Cheryl Henderson



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HAS AWARDED

THE ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

TO
SERGEANT ARLANDO M. HENDERSON
CHARLIE COMPANY, 173RD BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION (AIRBORNE)

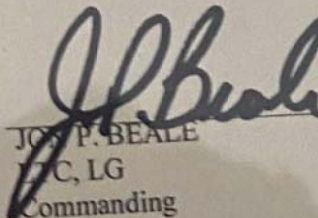
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE SERVING AS THE SUPPLY NCOIC WITH CHARLIE COMPANY, 173RD BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION (AIRBORNE) IN SUPPORT OF COMPANY EVALUATIONS IN BIELLA. SGT HENDERSON'S ACTIONS REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE 173RD BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION (AIRBORNE), THE 173RD INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (AIRBORNE), AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY. SKY SOLDIERS!!

FROM 14 JULY 2014 TO 21 JULY 2014

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014

PO# 253-004
HQ, 173RD BSB (ABN)
APO AE 09630




JOSEPH P. BEALE
LTC, LG
Commanding



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HAS AWARDED THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

TO

SPECIALIST ARLANDO M. HENDERSON
3RD SQUADRON, 73RD CAVALRY REGIMENT

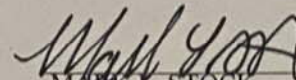
FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE WHILE SERVING AS A SUPPLY SPECIALIST FOR TASK FORCE THUNDERBOLTS. HIS DEDICATION TO DUTY AND SELFLESS SERVICE ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST MILITARY TRADITION. SPECIALIST HENDERSON'S PERSONAL COURAGE AND COMMITMENT TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT IN A COMBAT ZONE GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM XII. SPECIALIST HENDERSON'S PERFORMANCE REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, TASK FORCE DEVIL, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

FROM 2 MARCH 2012 TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2012

ON THIS DAY 14 JULY 2012

PERMANENT ORDER # 196-94
HQ, 1ST BCT, 82D ABN DIV
FOB WARRIOR, APO AE 09311




MARK L. STOCK
COL, IN
Commanding



3RD SQUADRON 73RD CAVALRY (AIRBORNE)



Order of the Spur

FOB Sykes Know Ye That

PFC Arlando M. Henderson Is An Honorary Spur Holder

With carbine and colt in hand having followed the guidon to the very frontier of the free world and having demonstrated the skill, fitness, dash, and cunning of a United States Cavalry Trooper, defeating his enemy in the mountains of Northern Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom

and is hereby entered into the rolls of the Order of the Spur and is awarded

"Combat Cavalry Spurs"

Given this 4th day of August 2010.



CSM Andrew N. Swanson
Squadron Command Sergeant Major

LTC Scott G. Hooper
Squadron Commander



XVIII Airborne Corps

And Fort Bragg

Noncommissioned Officer Academy



Be it known that

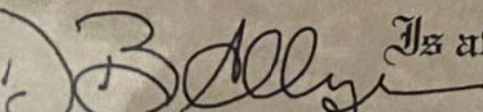
SGT ARLANDO M. HENDERSON

Is hereby declared a graduate of the
Warrior Leader Course

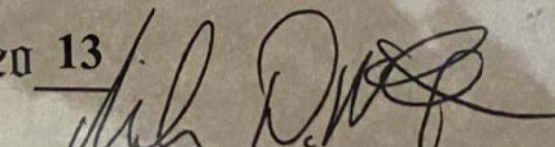
In testimony thereof, this

Diploma

Is awarded from 13 FEB through 14 MAR, 20 13


DANIEL B. ALLYN
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

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MICHAEL D. McINTOSH
CSM, USA
Commandant

United States Army
Quartermaster School
Fort Lee, Virginia



for successful completion of the
UNIT SUPPLY SPECIALIST COURSE 551-92Y10

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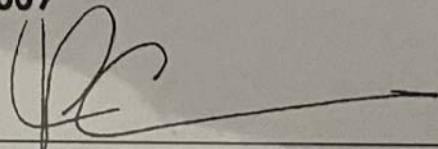
Diploma

is awarded to PVT ARLANDO M. HENDERSON

pursuant to authority granted by Department of the Army

Given at Fort Lee, Virginia this 1ST day of APRIL, 20 09

TRAINING PERIOD: 10 FEBRUARY 2009 – 01 APRIL 2009


The Quartermaster General



CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

Know Ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the fidelity and abilities of

ARLANDO MAUTRELL HENDERSON

I do promote Him to **Private First Class** *in the*

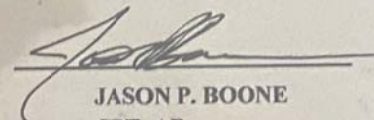
UNITED STATES ARMY

to rank as such from the **First** *day of* **August**
two thousand and **Nine**

You are charged to discharge carefully and diligently the duties of the grade to which promoted and to uphold the traditions and standards of the Army.

Effective with this promotion you are charged to execute diligently your special skills with a high degree of technical proficiency and to maintain standards of performance, moral courage and dedication to the Army which will serve as outstanding examples to your fellow soldiers. You are charged to observe and follow the orders and directions given by superiors acting according to the law, articles and rules governing the discipline of the Army. Your unfailing trust in superiors and loyalty to your peers will significantly contribute to the readiness and honor of the United States Army.




JASON P. BOONE
CPT, AR
Commanding



Be it Known that

PFC ARLANDO M HENDERSON 486047786

Has successfully completed the

Airborne Course

at this institution and that in testimony
thereof is awarded this

Diploma

Given at Fort Benning, Georgia, on this the

24th day of

November , two thousand

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Michael Ferriter
Michael Ferriter
Major General, USA
Commandant



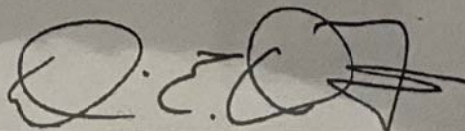
Bryan R. Owens
Bryan R. Owens
Brigadier General, Infantry
Commandant



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY CERTIFICATE OF TRAINING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
SGT ARLANDO M. HENDERSON
HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED
STRUCTURED SELF-DEVELOPMENT - LEVEL 2

VEN AT _____ 25 Sep 2014



Dennis E. Defreese
CSM, USA
Commandant





ORGANISATION DU TRAITE DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD
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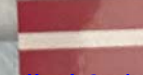
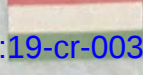
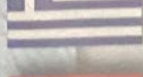
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Arlando Henderson

*Has been awarded the Non-Article 5 NATO Medal
for service with NATO
in relation to
the ISAF Operation
during the period*

*A reçu la médaille Non-Article 5 de l'OTAN
en récompense des services rendus à l'OTAN
au titre de l'opération de
l'ISAF
au cours de la période*

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Anders Fogh Rasmussen
The Secretary General
Le Secrétaire Général



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**165th Infantry Brigade
3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment**

This Certificate is presented to

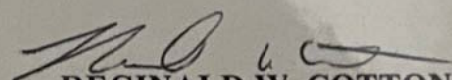
Private Arlando M. Henderson

C Co. 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment

for successful completion of Basic Training

Given this 6th Day of February 2009


D. A. MASZAROSE


REGINALD W. COTTON
LTC, IN
Commanding

United States Army Logistics University

Let it be known that

SGT Arlando M. Henderson

is a graduate of the

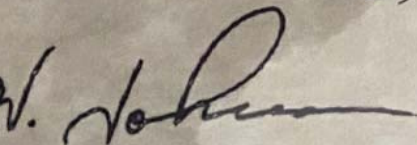
Unit Supply Specialist Advanced Leader Course

in testimony whereof, and by the authority vested in us, we do confer this

Diploma

Given at the US Army Logistics University
Fort Lee, Virginia

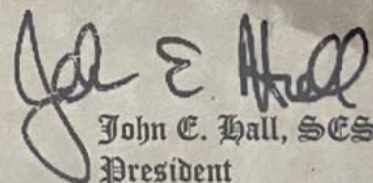
This 12th day of February 2014



Lieutenant Major

1-Commissioned Officer Academy





John E. Hall, SES

President

Army Logistics University

CERTIFICATE OF AFFILIATION



The Quartermaster General, United States Army

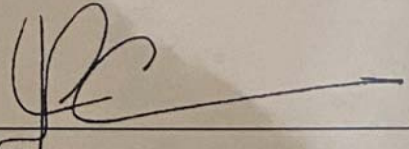
takes pleasure in recognizing the affiliation of

ARLANDO M. HENDERSON

with

The United States Army Quartermaster Corps Regiment

attests to your formal affiliation with the Regiment of one of the original branches of the United States Army, a branch distinguished by more than 200 years of proud and faithful service to soldiers, the United States Army and the United States of America.


Jesse R. Cross
Brigadier General, USA
The Quartermaster General

